

SENATE BILL 2098

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 37; Title 38 and Title 39, relative to the
department of children's services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, if the department investigates an individual
pursuant to this title and closes the case without finding probable cause to believe that a
child in the individual's care was dependent and neglected, or that the individual
committed a violation of title 39, then the department shall remove and destroy all
records of the investigation within ninety (90) days following the closure of the case.
This section does not apply to records that are relevant to a separate ongoing
investigation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.